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Applicant(s):	C.R. Douglas	Examiner	Eron J. Sorrell
Serial No.	10/624,408	Group Art Unit	2182
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TITLE	METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR MANAGING REQUESTS TO AN INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICE		

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a second non-final office action in the above case dated December 29, 2005 ("Second Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-25, and 28 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art and found that claims 9, 16, and 26 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. On March 23rd, Applicants had a phone interview with the Examiner discussing amendments to the independent claims 1, 11, and 18. Although no agreement was reached, the Examiner said he would review and reconsider the rejection in view of the discussed amendments and arguments, which Applicants submit herein. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-28 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.